Figure 1A

Sequence comparison in the region of the ligand binding domain of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor α subunits

Accession Numbers of α subunits used:

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>gi 871037 : a4_chick

>gi|213218 : a1_Torpedo

>S77094 : a1_Human

>P17644 : a2_Drosophila

>CAA75688 : a3_Drosophila

>CAA04056 : a1_Heliothis

>AAD09808 : a2_Heliothis

>AAD09809 : a3_Heliothis

>CAA57477 : a2_Myzus

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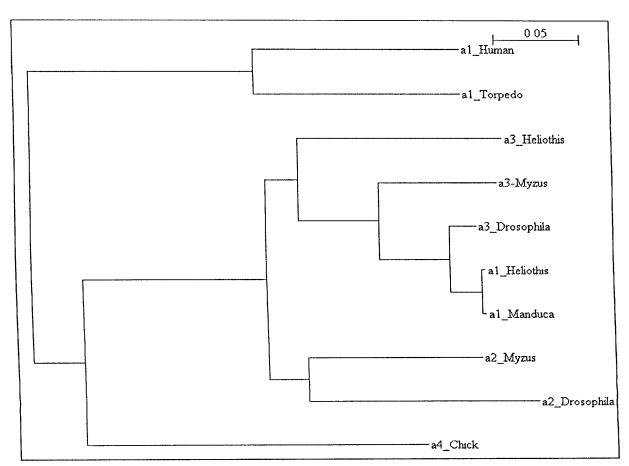
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a2_Drosophila YDDLLSNYNR LIRPVSNNTD TVLVKLGLRL SQLIDLNLKD QILTTNVWLE
a1_Heliothis YDDLLSNYNK LVRPVLNVSD ALTVRIKLKL SQLIDVNLKN QIMTTNLWVE
a3_Drosophila YDDLLSNYNK LVRPVLNVSD ALTVRIKLKL SQLIDVNLKN QIMTTNLWVE
a3_Myzus YDDLLSNYNK LVRPVVNVTD ALTVRIKLKL SQLIDVNLKN QIMTTNLWVE
a1_Torpedo VANLLENYNK VIRPVEHHTH FVDITVGLQL IQLISVDEVN QIVETNVRLR
a1_Human VAKLFKDYSS VVRPVEDHRQ VVEVTVGLQL IQLINVDEVN QIVTTNVRLK
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a4 Chick
              LKKLFSGYNK WSRPVANISD VVLVRFGLSI AQLIDVDEKN QMMTTNVWVK
a2 Myzus
               Q.....EWND YKLKWNPEDY GGVDTLHVPS
a2 Drosophila H..... EWQD HKFKWDPSEY GGVTELYVPS
a1_Manduca
              Q.....SWYD YKLSWEPREY GGVEMLHVPS
a1_Human
               QGDMVDLPRP SCVTLGVPLF SHLQNEQWVD YNLKWNPDDY GGVKKIHIPS
a4 Chick
              Q.....EWHD YKLRWDPQEY ENVTSIRIPS
a3 Heliothis EHIWLPDIVL YNNWDGNYEV TLMTKATLKY TGEVNWKPPA IYKSSCEINV
a2 Myzus
               EHIWLPDIVL YNNADGNYEV TIMTKAILHY TGKVVWKPPA IYKSFCEINV
a2 Drosophila EHIWLPDIVL YNNADGEYVV TTMTKAILHY TGKVVWTPPA IFKSSCEIDV
al Manduca DHIWRPDIVL YNNADGNFEV TLATKATLNY TGRVEWRPPA IYKSSCEIDV
al_Heliothis DHIWRPDIVL YNNADGNFEV TLATKATLNY TGRVEWRPPA IYKSSCEIDV
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al Human EKIWRPDLVL YNNADGDFAI VKFTKVLLQY TGHITWTPPA IFKSYCEIIV a4_Chick ELIWRPDIVL YNNADGDFAV THLTKAHLFY DGRIKWMPPA IYKSSCSIDV
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a3_Heliothis EYFPFDEQTC FMKFGSWTYN GAQVDLKHMD QSPGSS.LVH VGIDLSEFYL a2_Myzus EYFPFDEQTC SMKFGSWTYD GYMMDLRHIS OAPDSD.VIE VGIDLODYVI
a2 Drosophila RYFPFDQQTC FMKFGSWTYD GDQIDLKHIS QKNDKDNKVE IGIDLREYYP
al Manduca EYFPFDQQTC VMKFGSWTYD GFQVDLRHID EVRGTN.VVE LGVDLSEFYT
al Heliothis EYFPFDQQTC VMKFGSWTYD GFQVDLRHID EARGTN.VVE LGVDLSEFYT
a3 Drosophila EYFPFDEQTC VMKFGSWTYD GFQVDLRHID ELNGTN.VVE VGVDLSEFYT a3 Myzus EFFPFDEQTC VMKFGSWTYD GFQVDLRHAN EVSGSR.VVD VGVDLSEFYA
a3_Myzus
a1_Torpedo
                THEPFDQQNC TMKLGIWTYD GTKVSISPES DR...........PDLSTFME
al Human
                THEPFDEQNC SMKLGTWTYD GSVVAINPES DQ..........PDLSNFME
               TFFPFDQQNC KMKFGSWTYD KAKIDLVSMH SH.........VDQLDYWE
 a4 Chick
                **********
 a3 Heliothis SVEWDILEVP ATRNEEYYPC CPEP.FSDIT FKLTMRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC
 a2 Myzus
                SVEWDIMGVP AVRHEKFYVC CEEP.YLDIF FNITLRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC
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                SVEWDILEVP AVRNEKFYTC CDEP.YLDIT FNITMRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC
 al Manduca
 al Heliothis SVEWDILEVP AVRNEKFYTC CDEP.YLDIT FNITMRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC a3 Drosophila SVEWDILEVP AVRNEKFYTC CDEP.YLDIT FNITMRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC a3 Myzus SVEWDILEVP AIRNEKYYTC CEEP.YLDIT FNITMRRKTL FYTVNLIIPC
 al Torpedo
              SGEWVMKDYR GWKHWVYYTC CPDTPYLDIT YHFIMQRIPL YFVVNVIIPC
 al Human
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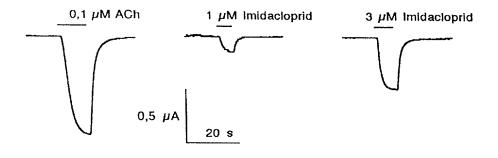
Figure 1B $Relationship \ of \ nicotinic \ acetylcholine \ receptor \ \alpha \ subunit \ sequences \ based \ on \ comparison \ of \ their \ ligand \ binding \ domains$



Tree of amino acid sequences from Fig. 1A produced from alignment of amino acid sequences from Fig. 1A by the program njplotwin95 using standard parameters.

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Figure 2 $2A) \mbox{ Receptor comprising polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 3 and chicken $\alpha 2$}$



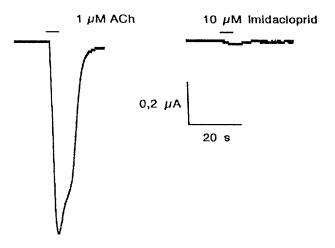
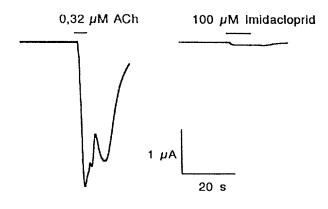
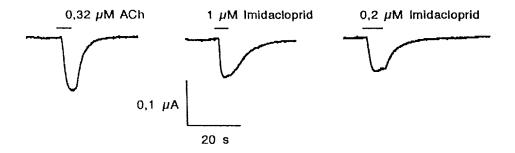


Figure 2 (cont(d))

2B) Receptor comprising chicken $\alpha 4$ and chicken $\alpha 2$



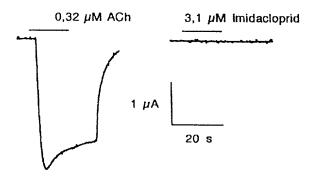
2C) Receptor comprising Heliothis $\alpha 1$ and chicken $\beta 2$



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2D) Receptor comprising polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 7 and chicken $\beta 2$



2E) Receptor comprising polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 11 and chicken β2

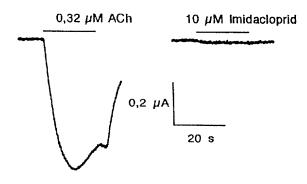
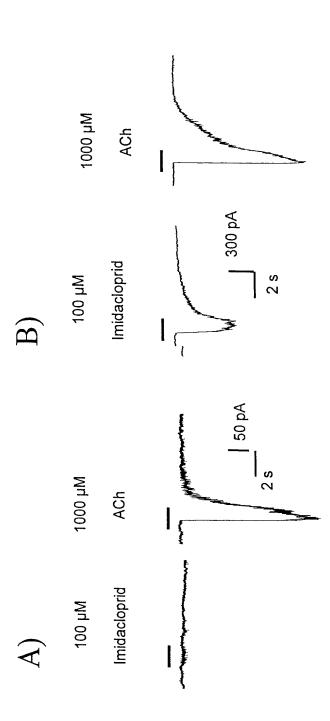
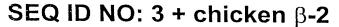
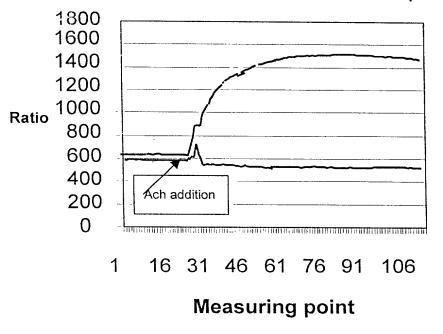


Figure 3

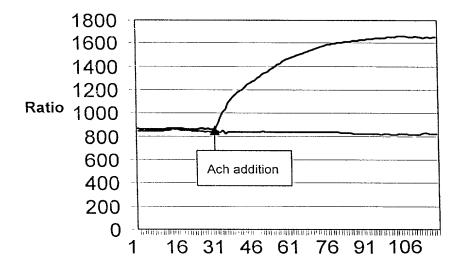


A: Receptor comprising chicken α -4 and chicken α -2 expressed in Sf-9 cells B: Receptor comprising polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 3 and chicken α -2 expressed in Sf-9 cells





chicken $\alpha 4/\beta 2$



Measuring point